



BANNOCK COUNTY PROFILE

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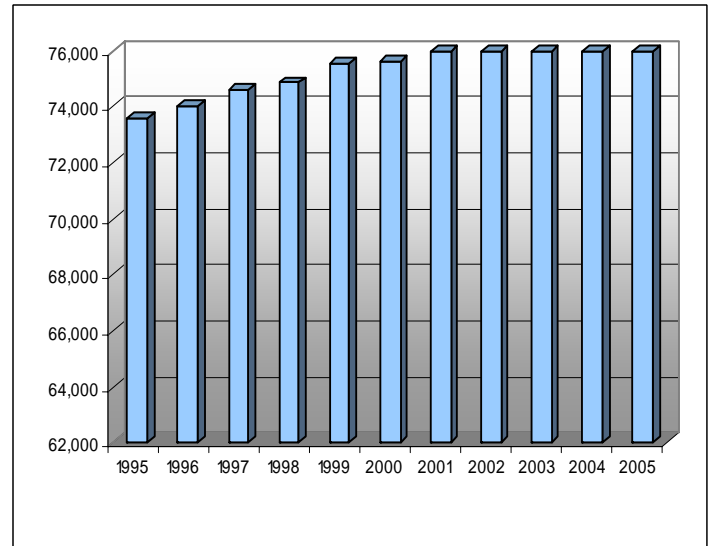
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Population

Bannock County's diverse recreational opportunities, striking scenery, access to higher education, and location at the intersection of a major north/south and east/west interstate system contributed to population growth over the last decade. Bannock County's population, which grew briskly over the first half of the decade, grew at a much slower rate over the last five years. The U.S. economic recession caused the loss of good-paying jobs in the area and many individuals who wanted to live, recreate, and work in Bannock County had to leave the area.

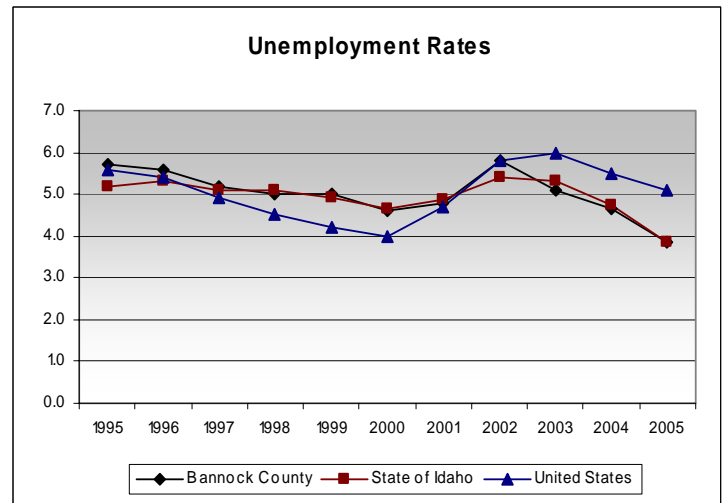
Pocatello, the county seat, is nestled in the foothills of the Portneuf River Valley. It is a major trade area for Southeast Idaho and home to Idaho State University and Pebble Creek Ski Area. Spectacular Lava Hot Springs features geothermal heated pools, which add to the year-round tourism enjoyed throughout the area.



Labor Force & Employment

Bannock County enjoys a diverse and highly skilled labor force with an excellent work ethic. During the 1990's, major business expansions and relocations positively affected employment in Bannock County.

Over the last decade, mining operations decreased and construction activity increased dramatically. Major commercial construction projects, such as expansions at AMI Semiconductor, Inc., Qwest, and Idaho State University, along with new establishments including the Idaho Women's Correctional Facility, Kimberly-Clark Ballard Medical, Premier Technologies, Convergys Customer Management Center, and a multitude of new retail stores and restaurants, created jobs in the county. Technological advances, restructuring of the finance industry, and Union Pacific Railroad's purchase of the Southern Pacific Railroad consolidated work in central locations and eliminated jobs in Bannock County.



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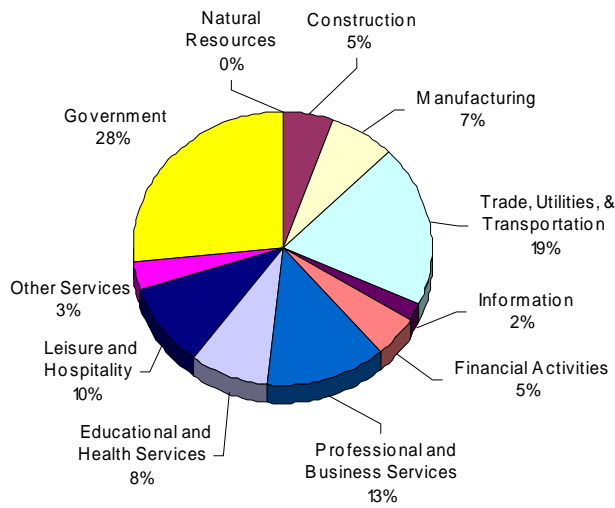
International trade, terrorism, the national recession, and high energy costs further eroded jobs. Several businesses downsized and a major employer in the area, Astaris LLC, closed, driving unemployment up to a high of 2,501 in 2002.

The unemployment rate peaked in 2002 at 6.4 percent. Since then, several businesses have expanded or opened in the county and as individuals found it easier to obtain work, the 2003 unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent.

Labor Force	May 2005	May 2006
Civilian Labor Force	38,255	41,930
Total Employment	36,639	40,451
Unemployed	1,616	1,479
Bannock County % Unemployed	4.2	3.5
State of Idaho % Unemployed	3.9	3.4
U.S. % Unemployed	5.1	4.7

Labor Force	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Civilian Labor Force	36,177	35,405	38,619	39,209	39,302	38,316	37,846	38,600	39,530	39,800	40,787
Unemployment	2,065	1,968	2,013	1,951	1,959	1,774	1,815	2,246	2,018	1,858	1,564
% of Labor Force Unemployed	5.7	5.6	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.8	5.8	5.1	4.7	3.8
Employment	34,112	33,437	36,606	37,258	37,343	36,542	36,031	36,355	37,512	37,942	39,223

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Industry Employment & Wages

The *Trade* and *Service* industries provide more than half the jobs in Bannock County, but pay the lowest wages and often provide only part-time work without benefits. Government provides more than a quarter of the jobs in Bannock County because Idaho State University, the Idaho Women's Correctional Facility, and the FBI Western Region Customer Support Center are located in the county.

Wages in Bannock County are lower than in most of the United States and fall in about the middle of all Idaho counties.

Major Employers

AMI Semiconductor, Inc.
 Ballard-Kimberly Clark Medical Products
 Convergys Customer Management
 Farm Bureau Insurance
 Farmers Insurance Group
 Idaho State University
 Pine Ridge Mall
 Portneuf Medical Center
 Qwest Communications
 Union Pacific Railroad

Occupational Wages*

Starting Wage

Occupational Wages*	Starting Wage
Assemblers/Production Workers	\$7.50
Cashiers & Retail Sales	\$5.50
Clerks, General Office	\$6.00
Corrections Officers	\$11.53
Customer Service Reps.	\$7.50
Home Health & Nurses Aides	\$6.00
Janitors and Cleaners	\$5.90
Maintenance & Repair Workers	\$8.50
Nurses, Registered	\$17.00
Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$8.00
Teachers	\$25,000/yr
Telemarketers	\$6.00
Truck Drivers	\$9.00

* Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Department of Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004	1994		2003		2004	
	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	25,640	\$19,981	31,402	\$25,543	32,579	\$26,718
Agriculture	63	\$14,274	71	\$20,794	79	\$20,831
Mining	*	*	*	*	*	*
Construction	1,350	\$22,874	1,672	\$24,871	1,908	\$26,894
Manufacturing	1,773	\$29,923	2,544	\$42,132	2,467	\$46,370
Trade, Utilities, & Transportation	5,854	\$17,910	5,935	\$23,003	6,013	\$24,142
Information	374	\$21,488	626	\$30,338	688	\$33,013
Financial Activities	1,546	\$22,991	1,642	\$31,919	1,679	\$32,684
Professional and Business Services	1,702	\$21,144	3,885	\$18,087	4,325	\$18,399
Educational and Health Services	2,230	\$21,922	2,810	\$24,729	2,952	\$25,360
Leisure and Hospitality	2,955	\$6,909	3,336	\$9,234	3,382	\$9,436
Other Services	921	\$13,701	831	\$19,632	844	\$19,820
Government	6,845	\$23,373	8,035	\$31,876	8,228	\$33,569

Per Capita Income	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Bannock County	\$17,063	\$17,854	\$18,501	\$19,411	\$19,915	\$20,857	\$21,947	\$22,375	\$22,765	\$23,971
State of Idaho	\$18,707	\$19,426	\$20,248	\$20,648	\$21,789	\$22,786	\$24,075	\$25,185	\$25,330	\$26,877
United States	\$22,172	\$23,076	\$24,175	\$25,334	\$26,883	\$27,939	\$29,845	\$30,575	\$30,804	\$31,472

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